



## **Announcing a Research Study to Develop Strategies for Serving Individuals with Disabilities in the Jewish Community of Greater Pittsburgh**

Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh want to explore how to enhance services for young adults with disabilities and their families as they transition through the stages of adulthood. We are seeking input from individuals with disabilities between the ages of 18 and 30 years old, parents and/or caregivers of individuals with disabilities within the ages of 16-30, as well as representatives of organizations, all of whom live or operate within the Jewish Community of Greater Pittsburgh. The research team is seeking to understand the experiences of individuals with physical, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities within and outside of the Jewish Community.

### **What would happen if you took part in this research study?**

If you decide to take part in this research study, you will be invited to participate in one, 2-hour virtual (through a computer or smartphone) focus group session. Separate focus groups will be held for each of the groups mentioned above, with 5 to 6 participants per group. During the virtual focus group session, you will be asked questions about what current supports and resources exist in your community and your thoughts and opinions about them, including their strengths and limitations. You will also be asked what you feel is missing to support the success of individuals with disabilities as they transition into adulthood. Your input will help researchers develop strategies to better serve young adults with disabilities in the Jewish Community of Greater Pittsburgh. Those who participate will be compensated for their time.

The Principal Investigator for this study is Dr. Roxanna Bendixen at the University of Pittsburgh.

**For more information, please contact the research team at 412-383-6603 or**

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